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Judge Eugene H. Nickerson
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
U.S. Courthouse
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

***Re: Department of Amazonas, et al. v. Philip Morris Companies, Inc., et al.,
00 Civ. 2881 (EHN); Department of Antioquia v. Philip Morris Companies,
Inc., et al., 00 Civ. 3857 (EHN); Department of Magdalena, et al. v. Philip
Morris Companies, Inc., et al., 00 Civ. 4530 (EHN)***

Dear Judge Nickerson:

This firm represents Plaintiffs, the Departments of the Republic of Colombia, in the above action. Philip Morris has moved for a stay of proceedings, and the Plaintiffs have already opposed the motion. Enclosed herewith is a courtesy copy of the Notice of Request for Evidentiary Hearing On Motion for a Stay.

Very truly yours,



John J. Halloran, Jr.

JJH:mlc
Enclosure

cc: Craig A. Stewart, Esq.